GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SERICULTURE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the promotion of sericulture in the country including West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of Mulberry Silk has reduced in the country during the last few years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the efforts made by the Government to increase its production;

(e) whether crisis in silk export market has been noticed during the current year;

(f) if so, whether the Government has taken any initiative to attract the importers of other countries for better market place for silk in India; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): For promotion of sericulture in the country, the Government through Central Silk Board is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) in 27 States in collaboration with the Department of Sericulture in concerned States, including the State of West Bengal, with the main aim of synergizing and disseminating technologies, innovations developed by its R&D units and incentivizing investments among the stakeholders to enhance production, productivity and quality of silk.

The CDP comprises three major sectors viz. a) Mulberry Sector b) Vanya Sector and c) Post Cocoon Sector. These 3 major sectors are supported by support service components. Besides, a component viz.Special Initiatives (Flexi Fund) has been introduced during the XII Plan to address critical requirements for implementation of sericulture projects. There are a total of 58 components/sub-components under the Centrally Sponsored CDP which are divided into 8 packages viz. 1) Mulberry Seed 2) Mulberry Cocoon 3) Mulberry Post Cocoon 4) Vanya Seed 5) Vanya Cocoon 6) Vanya Post Cocoon 7) Support Services and 8) Special Initiatives.

The details of Central share of funds sanctioned/utilized by different States of the country during each of the last three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) and for the current year 2014-15, including West Bengal are given in Annexure-I.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No Madam.

(f) & (g): Does not arise